

Greetings from the Music Department,

Welcome to the 2010/2011 school year! We are very excited to be working with your children again. We look forward to another outstanding year.

Jazz Band!!- This year we are having auditions!!

*6th grade Jazz Band tryouts will be Wednesday, September 8, from 7:30-8:15AM.

*7/8th grade Jazz Band tryouts will be on Tuesday, September 7th from 7:30-8:15AM.

Students should come to the band room to sign in and warm up.

Tryout material includes: **Wind Instruments and Vibes**- one scale and one B flat blues solo. **Rhythm Section Instruments** (drums, bass, guitar, piano/keyboards)- be able to play B flat blues in a variety of styles (rock, swing, latin)

If students have any questions about the tryout materials, please see Mr. Pickett.

Practice logs!!

Practice logs are back!! We feel that it's very important for our students to keep a tangible record of how often, and what material, they are practicing. This year we are giving all band students one practice log each quarter. There is space on the log to record minutes and material practiced each week. At the end of each week, (Sunday) students & parents need to sign the practice log. Mrs. Hanna & Mr. Pickett will sign the log at the student's next band lesson (Monday or Tuesday). The logs will be turned in on the last band lesson of every quarter and will account for 20% of the student's grade. Students must practice a MINIMUM OF 75 MINUTES PER WEEK.

Students are welcome to use the music dept. practice rooms for before, after, and lunch/recess practice time. They may record this time in their practice log.

Students that play in extracurricular music groups (Central School Jazz Band, Woodwind Ensemble, MYA groups OR that take private lessons on their band instrument) may record that time in their practice log.

Looking for an extra challenge?!

Those students looking for an extra challenge this year should check out MYA @ www.mya.org for information about their orchestras & jazz bands. Also, if you are a 5th or 6th grade student that takes private lessons on your band instrument and wants to perform at our concerts with one of the older bands, let us know and we can give you the music! If you are interested in private lessons we can also give you contact information for teachers in the area.

Music Department Website!!

Our website will be up and running very soon! We'll send you another email to let you know when the website is up for viewing.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kristen (Kudert) Hanna & Mr. Matt Pickett